



## The Township of Georgian Bay is now accepting applications for appointment to the GEORGIAN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

### ABOUT US

- There are 3 Library branches in the Township – Honey Harbour, Port Severn and Mactier
- All 3 communities contain populations with varied interests and age trends vary among these communities which we expect will change as our population grows.
- Our seasonal population (cottagers) of 15,958 people complements our modest permanent population of 2,124.
- All three branches offer wireless internet access and a collection of books, movies, magazines, preloaded tablets and audiobooks.
- Programs are offered both online and in person (post-COVID)..
- We also offer services including burn permits and dog licences

The Georgian Bay Public Library provides community access to information and resources that improve quality of life, foster lifelong learning, encourage community involvement, and meet the educational and social needs of community members, within available resources. The Board is committed to providing the best possible library experience to its community. The Georgian Bay Public Library's mission is to enrich citizens lives by providing opportunities to explore, connect, create, learn and grow.

### APPLICATION

Three board member positions are available beginning Fall 2021. We are interested in hearing from residents that have experience in areas such as arts, business, culture, education, finance, human resources, marketing, public relations and technology.

Applications must be in writing and should address the following points:

- Why are you interested in serving on the Georgian Bay Public Library Board?
- What skills and interests do you have that you feel would be useful to the Board?
- Please describe your specific experience with other boards or volunteer work.
- Are you able to spend up to 8 hours a month on the library board's business?
- What role do you feel that Library's play in a community?

Applications will be accepted until **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**.

Please submit your application to: [chair@gbpl.ca](mailto:chair@gbpl.ca)

## BACKGROUND

A Library Board's duty is to provide comprehensive, effective and efficient public library service that reflects the community's needs and builds community capacity. The stakeholders of today's libraries expect strong leadership. Consequently modern governance must reach beyond ongoing budget oversight and a regular strategic planning exercise to embrace new ideas, and forge strong relationships that will support the Library in achieving its Mission.

Along with the governance, legal and fiscal roles, Library Board Trustees are expected to support and participate in community engagement by:

- Establishing the library as an essential community service
- Building community pride in the library
- Advocating the library's role in the community
- Maintaining an open dialogue with the community
- Building strong relationships with municipal council
- Being aware of the municipal planning context
- Developing strategic partnerships with community groups and leaders

## ELIGIBILITY

These eligibility requirements come from the [Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44.](#)

To be on a public library board in Ontario you must be:

- A Canadian citizen
- Resident (permanent or seasonal) of The Township of Georgian Bay
- at least 18 years of age
- Not be employed by the Georgian Bay Public Library or Township of Georgian Bay
- Not convicted of an indictable offence

